

## President Orders The Selective Draft

After signing the army bill Friday night, the President issued a proclamation, which, in part, is as follows: Whereas, Congress has enacted and the President has on May 18, 1917, approved a law which contains the following provisions:

Section 5—That all male persons between the ages of twenty-one and thirty, both inclusive, shall be subject to registration in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the President; and upon proclamation by the President or other public notice given by him or by his direction, stating the time and place of such registration, it shall be the duty of all persons of the designated ages, except officers and enlisted men of the regular army, the navy and the National Guard and Naval militia, while in the service of the United States, to present themselves for and submit to registration under the provisions of this act; and every such person shall be deemed to have notice of the requirements of this act upon the publication of said proclamation or other notice as aforesaid, given by the President or by his direction; and any person who shall willfully fail or refuse to present himself for registration or to submit thereto as herein provided shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction in the District Court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, and shall thereupon be duly registered; provided, that, in the call of the docket precedence shall be given, in courts trying the same, to the trial of criminal proceedings under this act:

Provided further, that persons shall be subject to registration as herein provided who shall have attained their twenty-first birthday, and who shall not have attained their thirty-first birthday on or before the day set for the registration, and all persons so registered shall be and remain subject to draft into the forces hereby authorized, unless exempted or excused therefrom as in this act provided.

Provided further, that in the case of temporary absence from actual place of legal residence of any person liable to registration as provided herein, such registration may be

made by mail under regulations to be prescribed by the President.

### Call For Service.

Section 6—That the President is hereby authorized to utilize the service of any or all departments and any or all officers or agents of the United States and of the several States, Territories and the District of Columbia and subdivisions thereof in the execution of this act, and all officers and agents of the United States and of the several States, Territories and subdivisions thereof, and of the District of Columbia, and all persons designated or appointed under regulations prescribed by the President, whether such appointments are made by the President himself or by the government or other officer of any State or Territory to perform any duty in the execution of this act, are hereby required to perform such duty as the President shall order or direct, and all such officers and agents and persons so designated or appointed shall hereby have full authority for all acts done by them in the execution of this act by the direction of the President.

### Civil Officers' Duties.

Now, therefore, I Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, do call upon the government of each of the several States and Territories, the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia and all officers and agents of the several States and Territories, of the District of Columbia, of the counties and municipalities therein to perform certain duties in the execution of the foregoing law, which duties will be communicated to the directly in regulations of even date herewith.

And I do further proclaim and give notice to all persons subject to registration in the several States and in the District of Columbia in accordance with the above law that the time and place of such registration shall be between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m., on the fifth day of June, 1917, at the registration place in the precinct wherein they have their permanent home. Those who shall have attained their twenty-first birthday, and who shall not have attained their thirty-first birthday on or before the day here named, are required to register.

## ILLINOIS CENTRAL TAKES OVER COAL MINES

Central Coal and Iron Company  
Property at Central City  
Purchased.

In order not to be "at the mercy of Western Kentucky coal operators," the Illinois Central Railroad Company has taken over and now is operating the Central Coal & Iron Company's mines at Central City, says the Louisville Times. The mines have a capacity of 1,600 tons of car coal daily, exclusive of chute coal, and the railroad company intends increasing the output to 2,000 tons a day.

Final steps necessary to consummation of the deal whereby the Illinois Central acquires title to the property will be taken within a few weeks, it is said. The amount involved in the transfer is said to approximate half a million dollars.

The railroad took over the mines April 15 and has been operating them since that time. The Central Coal & Iron Company still owns two groups of mines in Western Kentucky, the Rendler mines and the Echols mines. Supt. T. E. Hill, of the Illinois Central, said last night the railroad company uses 1,600,000 tons of coal annually on its lines south of the Ohio river, and that the output of the Central City mines would supply about one-third of the tonnage necessary. Other coal used by the road will be purchased from Western Kentucky coal operators, he said.

The Illinois Central has been buying coal by contract from Western Kentucky operators for several years at a cost of \$1.08 1/2 per ton. The contract continues in effect until April 1, 1918. Its terms, however, provide that the coal supply of the railroad be apportioned each year to various mines in the field. Officials of the railroad said the company was at the mercy of the operators because of the apportionment clause and that the coal mines were bought in self-defense.

### PETTY—SALLEE.

Rev. S. E. Harlan, of the Christian church, very beautifully and impressively performed the ceremony Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock that united in marriage Mr. J. L. Sallee, of East St. Louis, Ill., and Miss Eleanor Petty, of this city. The wedding took place at the home of the Rev. Harlan.

Miss Petty is the daughter of Mrs. R. R. Wedding, and was one of Hartford's popular young ladies. Mr. Sallee has a responsible position with a railroad company at East St. Louis, and the couple will reside in that city.

Together with The Herald, they have the best wishes of a host of friends for a long and happy married life.

Mrs. Sallee is a sister of Mr. Arthur Petty, who for years, was connected with The Herald.

### MR. BROWDER—FARM AGENT

County Farm Agent W. W. Browder is kept on the jump these days, going here and there, organizing clubs and doing numerous other things, but he is a man who is in love with his work, and is never better satisfied than when engaged in something that will improve and better the condition of our farmer friends. We are somewhat egotistical about our farm agent, as we think we have about the best one in the State—morally, mentally and otherwise. Mr. Browder is doing a great work among us, and the Fiscal Court is to be congratulated upon employing him for another year.

### MRS. FANNIE HOLBROOK

Died at the Home of Her Son, Sam Holbrook, Near Buford, Wednesday.

Mrs. Fannie Holbrook, age 76, died Wednesday, May 16, at the home of her son, Sam Holbrook, near Buford.

Mrs. Holbrook was the widow of the late Robert Holbrook, and was a member of the Baptist church. She was the step-grandmother of Mr. Rowan Holbrook, of this city.

Her remains were buried at Mt. Carmel Thursday.

## WAGE AGREEMENT RATIFIED IN DISTRICT 23

Operators and Miners Meet At  
Owensboro and Fix Scale—  
20 Per Cent Increase.

A meeting of District No. 23, U. M. W. of A., held at Owensboro last week, and Mr. E. M. Roach reports it one of the most harmonious gatherings of this body he ever attended.

A 20 per cent increase was given the mine workers, and the wage agreement was ratified as follows:

Chain Breast Machine, Mine Run Basis.  
Loader, 36.40 per ton; Runner, 5.43 per ton; Helper, 4.82 per ton.  
Continuous Cutter, Mine Run Basis.  
Loader, 36.93 per ton; Runner, 3.91 per ton; Helper, 3.87 per ton.  
Punch Machine, Mine Run Basis.  
Loader, 35.49 per ton; Runner, 10.14 per ton; Helper, 6.40 per ton.  
Pick mine screened coal, per ton, 1.08; Mine Run, per ton, 67.35.  
Screen Coal Basis.  
Loader, 57.24 per ton; Runner, 16.35 per ton; Helper, 10.30 per ton.

Day Wage Scale.  
Tracklayers and timbermen, \$2.95; drivers, gathering with one mule, \$2.81; water haulers, \$2.81; tracklayer helper, \$2.69; trappers, \$1.34; bottom eagers, \$2.69; drivers, gathering with two mules, \$3.05; drivers, gathering with more than one mule, \$3.05 on entries; riders, \$2.69; pipemen, \$2.89. All other inside day labor, \$2.69. Minimum outside day wage scale, \$2.16.

## ATLANTA AND LEXINGTON SUFFER FROM BIG FIRES

Atlanta, Ga., May 21.—Fire that started late this afternoon in an obscure negro section swept a broad path through the residential section of Atlanta, devastating scores of blocks and destroying many of the city's finest homes and hundreds of negro houses. Although the flames were not entirely under control to-night, they had been checked half way through the exclusive Ponce de Leon Avenue residence section and fire officials believed there was little danger of a further spread.

First estimates of the damage placed it at between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. So far as could be learned the only life lost was that of a woman who died from shock.

Lexington, Ky., May 21.—Fire which originated about 2 o'clock this morning in the livery stable of Porter & Jackson, destroyed a block in the business section of the city, and scattered sparks which set fire to the Second Presbyterian church a block away. The loss is estimated at \$500,000, with insurance at about \$400,000.

The block destroyed is bounded by Short, Upper, Limestone and Church streets; several buildings on the north side of Church were burned, and the Presbyterian church is a complete ruin.

### DON'T KILL SONG BIRDS.

Considerable complaint is being manifested in the city over the killing of song birds by the youngsters with "gunbo shooters" or "rubber flippers." Not only is it the killing of these birds that causes so much complaint, but the shooting of them within the city limits is dangerous, as it has been reported that one man was hit on the head by a rock shot from one of these little instruments.

If the youngsters are to enjoy this sport, let them use discretion and not kill mocking, or song birds of any kind, and be sure that no one is within reach of them when they let fly a rock.

### CAT HATCHES CHICKENS.

Prof. Henry Leach is authority for the story that he had a hen setting in a trough at his home on Clay street, who abandoned her nest about two weeks before she was due to hatch. A cat, with kittens, took her abode in the nest deserted by the hen, and last week his boy heard the chirp of a young chicken in the vicinity of the trough and upon investigation found that one of the eggs had hatched. The chicken was immediately placed with a hen that had chickens and at last report was doing fine.

## Wilson Declines Roosevelt's Offer

I shall not avail myself, at any rate at the present stage of the war, of the authorization conferred by the act to organize volunteer divisions. To do so would seriously interfere with the carrying out of the chief and most immediately important purpose contemplated by this legislation—the prompt creation and early use of an effective army—and would contribute practically nothing to be effective strength of the armies now engaged against Germany.

### Acting Under Professional Advice.

I understand that the section of this act which authorizes the creation of volunteer divisions, in addition to the draft, was added with a view to providing an independent command for Mr. Roosevelt and giving the military authorities an opportunity to use his fine vigor and enthusiasm in recruiting the forces now at the western front. It would be very agreeable to me to pay Mr. Roosevelt this compliment and the allies the compliment of sending to their aid one of our most distinguished public men, a former President who has rendered many conspicuous public services and proved his gallantry in many striking ways. Politically, too, it would no doubt have a very fine effect and make a profound impression. But this is not the time or the occasion for compliment or for any action not calculated to contribute to the immediate success of the war. The business now in hand is undramatic, practical and of scientific definiteness and precision. I shall act with regard to it at every step and in every particular under expert and professional advice from both sides of the water.

### Regular Army First Troops to France.

That advice is that the men most needed are men of the ages contemplated in the draft provisions of the present bill, not men of the age and sort contemplated in the section which authorizes the formation of volunteer units, and that for the preliminary training of the men who are to be drafted we shall need all of our experienced officers. Mr. Roosevelt told me, when I had the pleasure of seeing him a few weeks ago, that he would wish to have associated with him some of the most effective officers of the regular army. He named many of those whom he would desire to have designated for the service, and they were men who cannot possibly be spared from the too small force of officers at our command for the much more pressing any necessary duty of training regular troops to be put into the field in France and Belgium as fast as they can be got ready. The first troops sent to France will be taken from the present forces of the regular army and will be under the command of trained soldiers only.

### President Interested Only in War's Success.

The responsibility for the successful conduct of our own part in this great war rests upon me. I could not escape it if I would. I am too much interested in the cause we are fighting for to be interested in anything but success. The issues involved are too immense for me to take into consideration anything whatever except the best, most effective, most immediate means of military action. What these means are I know from the months of men who have seen war as it is now conducted, who have no illusions and to whom the whole grim matter is a matter of business. I shall center my attention upon those means and let everything else wait. I should be deeply to blame should I do otherwise, whatever the argument of policy or of personal gratification or advantage.

## LIGHTNING STRIKES AND BARN BURNS

Destroying One Mule, Seed,  
Feed and Numerous Other  
Articles.

During the rain and thunderstorm Monday night, about 11:45 o'clock, lightning struck the large barn on the farm of Bond Bros., just across the river from town, destroying it and burning to death one mule, a lot of feed, seed, harness and numerous other articles. There were fifteen head of mules, sixty-eight head of cattle and several head of hogs in the barn when the lightning struck it. Mr. Jardoe, who lives on the farm, with the assistance of others, was able to rescue all the animals except the one mule that was burned to death.

Mrs. Jardoe says that after an unusually hard peal of thunder she told her daughter that lightning must have struck close by, and upon going to the window they found the barn in flames.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

J. L. Sallee, East St. Louis, Ill., to Eleanor Petty, Hartford.

Geo. A. Hunter, McHenry, to Irene Elizabeth Beck, McHenry.

Marvin Hoover, Route 3, to Stella V. Stinnett, Route 7.

Howard Hines, Taylor Mines, to Olive Lee Wise, Prentiss.

R. D. Gwynn, Bremen, Ky., to Amanda Taylor, Echols.

### MR. AMOS SHOWN DEAD.

Mr. Amos Shown, who lived in the Beda neighborhood, died Tuesday at the home of his son, Ernest Shown. Mr. Shown had been ill several weeks, and uremic poison was the immediate cause of his death.

He was a widower, and had lived alone for several years.

He leaves another son, Henry.

His remains were buried last Wednesday.

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## 121 MISSING; SHIP LOST IN BERING SEA

San Francisco.—The three-masted ship Standard, owned by Libby, McNeil & Libby, is a total wreck off Cape Constantine in Bering Sea, according to a message received here by the naval radio station. Of nearly 150 men aboard the vessel, only twenty-nine have been rescued, according to the report.

This vessel, which carried a large crew and many men for the Alaska Canneries, stranded May 14 and was abandoned the next day when heavy seas began to pound her to pieces.

Five lifeboats, each crowded to capacity, were launched. One was picked up a few hours later containing twenty-nine men. So far, according to the message received today none of the remaining boats has been sighted.

The Standard, a ship of 1,461 net tons, left San Francisco April 7 for Bristol Bay, Alaska. The message received here was sent out by the naval radio station at St. Paul, Pribiloff Islands in Bering Sea.

### SHOWN—MORRIS

A wedding that came as quite a surprise to their many friends here was that of Miss Geneva Shown, daughter of Mr. Isaac Shown, a few miles north of town, and Mr. Ernest Morris, who has been engaged in driving an auto between Hartford and Beaver Dam, for several years.

Miss Shown went to Owensboro two weeks ago on a visit and while there Mr. Morris went down and they went over to Rockport, Ind., and were married.

They are at present boarding at the home of Mrs. W. M. Hudson, but Mr. Morris thinks they will move to Beaver Dam in the near future.

The couple have the best wishes of a host of friends.

### TAYLOR—GUYN.

In the office of County Judge Wilson, Monday morning, Miss Amanda Taylor was married to Mr. R. D. Gwynn, by that official. The couple came up from Rockport in an automobile and were accompanied by Will D. Her. They will live at Rockport.

### BUY A BOND.

The Owensboro Clearing House Association is making an effort to have the citizens of Daviess, Breckinridge, Grayson, McLean, Ohio, and Hancock counties subscribe for \$1,288,000 worth of the "Liberty Loan" bonds. Patriotic day is set for Saturday, May 26.

This action is taken at the direction of the Federal Reserve Board of District No. 8, of which these counties form a part. At each county seat patriotic mass meetings will be held and subscriptions to the bonds will be made.

Ohio county's proportional part of this subscription is approximately \$240,000.

### 1,000 UNITED STATES

#### FLAGS PER DAY

The Standard Flag Co., which was recently organized by Mr. A. V. Thomson, of the Kentucky Clothing Co., and D. B. G. Rose, President and general manager of the Standard Printing Co., and also circulation manager of the Evening Post, is now turning out 1,000 U. S. flags per day. The sizes made are 3x5 and 4x8 feet. While this company employs from 60 to 75 people with a night shift, they are unable to supply the demand.

The plant is located in, and occupies the fourth floor of the Kentucky Clothing Co.'s large building at 7th and Main street, Louisville, and is under the supervision of Mr. Thomson.

### NEGRO STRUNG UP.

Lawrence Dempster, a negro, who was accused of cutting Clarence Dublin, an Illinois Central watchman at Fulton, was taken from jail at that place and hung him to a telephone cable just a few feet from the jail, Sunday morning.

## MR. WILLIAM H. MOORE

Passes to Great Beyond Early  
Thursday Morning—Funeral  
and Interment Saturday.

Stricken rather suddenly Tuesday afternoon, Mr. William H. Moore took to his bed from which he never arose, and at 7:20 Thursday morning his soul went to meet its Maker. Mr. Moore had not been in the best of health for quite awhile, and the immediate cause of his death was uremic poison.

He was born November 11, 1841, and had lived until November next, would have been 76 years old. His wife, who was a Miss Duke, preceded him to the grave several years.

Mr. Moore was one of the most highly respected and well beloved men of Hartford and it can be truthfully said that with his death the town has lost one of its truest citizens, the church one of its most ardent supporters, and his children a kind and loving father.

He leaves three sons, John T., of Elizabethtown, who was at his bedside when the end came, Edward P., of Akron, O., and William, of New York City, all of whom were here to attend the funeral.

He had been a member of the Christian church for fifty years.

After scripture reading by Rev. B. W. Napier, of the Methodist church, the funeral sermon was preached by his pastor, Rev. S. E. Harlan, at the Christian church, before a crowded house of sorrowing friends, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

The local lodge of Masons, of which he was a member, took charge of his remains after the funeral services and laid them to rest in Oakwood cemetery.

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